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RAILROAD MEETING.

Proposition is Placed Before Randall County People for Railroad to Silverton.

For some time there has been an undercurrent of talk regarding a new railroad out of Canyon City and the matter culminated into a meeting which was held at the court house in this city Wednesday afternoon. While not a long notice was given to the people the court room was comfortably filled when called to order.

No great demonstration was made but the matter was taken up in a business like manner and fully discussed. Major Eugene C. Gordon, who represents the promoters, submitted in writing a proposition as well as stating to the assembled crowd the elements of the proposed proposition.

After the discussion the people organized on somewhat of a permanent basis and elected L. E. Cowling as permanent chairman and George A. Brandon as secretary, the chairman having authority to appoint a committee of ten, to which committee, together with the officers, the proposition was turned over for investigation, to report at a meeting to be held Thursday afternoon, September 10. Major Gordon and possibly others interested will be here to meet with them.

The people of the town have taken hold of the matter in their usual business like manner and not with a view of making a big blow and then have nothing doing.

We have not space this week to give in full the proposition submitted, but we give below the gist of the matter so that our readers may be reasonably well informed about the matter.

The proposed road to be built from Canyon City in a southerly or southeasterly direction to a connection with some railroad further south or to built through Briscoe county.

That the people subscribe an amount equal to one dollar per acre for all lands lying within six miles on both sides of the proposed road, from the beginning point to the county line. Twelve per cent. of aggregate amount subscribed to be paid in cash within fifteen days after contract is closed, said amount to be deposited in some agreed bank as trustee, the remaining eighty per cent. to be represented by notes of each separate subscriber for his amount, payable one-third when railroad is entirely completed to Randall county

line, one-third one year from that date and the remaining one-third two years from that date, with 8 per cent. interest payable semi-annually, said notes to be placed in the hands of a bank trustee, to be delivered when railway is completed.

The twelve per cent. cash paid to be paid out as the work on the grading of the road progresses, at the rate of nine hundred dollars for each mile as graded, the grade to be accepted by a committee of three appointed by the subscribers, said committee to issue the checks.

For all these cash amounts paid in and used for grading there are to be delivered to the trustee first mortgage 6 per cent. bonds in amounts equal to cash paid in, same to be delivered to subscribers who paid the cash. The notes and cash remaining on hand after the completion of railway to be considered as a bonus. First mortgage bonds to be limited to twelve thousand dollars per mile.

Canyon City to be required to furnish right-of-way through suburbs of said town, to a connection with Santa Fe railway, together with twenty acres for depot grounds, same to be deeded to the railway company, subject to the building of the road. Also two hundred town lots in Canyon

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The Canyon National Bank



Capital	\$50,000.00.
Surplus	10,000.00.
Profits	6,000.00.

City and 320 acres of land adjoining the townsite.

The principal offices of the company and shops and round houses to be built and maintained at Canyon City for a period of twenty years, and also division headquarters.

All money for rights-of-way shall be taken from the twelve per cent. cash paid.

The grading of all the road to Silverton or Briscoe county to be completed within one year, and rails and ties with trains running within two years unless hindered by strikes, great financial stringency or Providential hindrance, and if so hindered one year more shall be allowed.

Subscribers may pay their subscriptions by work on railway at \$5.00 per day for man and team, which shall be the same as cash and bonds issued for same.

Deeds for lots in Canyon City and 320 acres of land to be held in escrow until road is completed.

Major Gordon is well recommended, having been the first promoter of the road from here to Plainview. He organized and secured the construction of the Georgia Pacific railroad from Atlanta, Ga., to the Mississippi river. Also built a railroad from Clarksville, Tenn., into southwestern Kentucky, which is now

a part of the Louisville and Nashville Railway. He inaugurated and built the Sheffield and Birmingham Railway in Alabama, besides having been interested in developing other great enterprises in the South.

Thursday morning the chairman, L. E. Cowling, appointed the committee of ten provided for at the meeting and they are as follows: L. G. Conner, L. T. Lester, J. M. Black, C. O. Keiser, C. T. Word, John Hutson, J. A. Edwards, W. F. Heller, W. E. Bates, J. C. Hunt.

A Small Fire.

Considerable excitement was caused in this city last Saturday afternoon when an alarm of fire was turned in from the western portion of town. It was soon learned that some bedding in the smoke house of D. A. Park of West Evelyn street had become ignited. A can of gasoline in the building exploded, partially knocking out one side of the building, but prompt action on the part of the neighbors prevented any damage to any other buildings.

Prof. Redus, Prof. Craig and Miss Annie Kirk, teachers in our public schools, will conduct the county examination for teachers' certificates to be held Friday and Saturday at the court house.

HOME PEOPLE BUY.

More of Our People Get Lands While They Can Get Them at Present Prices.

Three of our citizens decided this week that they had better get a hold on some of our lands while they could get them at prevailing prices and they therefore purchased each a section of land from John Hutson, who represents the Cedar Valley Land and Cattle Company.

The parties purchasing were R. M. Peeler, B. C. Taylor and J. Frank Smith. The terms are private, but we understand that the lands brought a good price. Mr. Peeler bought back a section of land that he purchased from the state and which he sold in 1903. Mr. Peeler thought at that time that the land had reached its highest point, but now decides that it was better than he thought and therefore gives a good profit to get the land back.

Gradually these lands that have been held for some time in large bodies are being sold and as fast as sold improvements are being made, so that in a short time the large ranches will be a thing of the past.

The three men who purchased the lands mentioned in this article are old-timers in point of having lived in the county for a number of years and their purchase only denotes a confidence in the future development of the lands.

Old-Fashioned Box Supper.

The ladies of the Baptist church of this city gave an old-fashioned box supper on the lawn at the residence of J. H. Hall on West Houston street last Friday night. The attendance was large and a nice amount was obtained for the benefit of their parsonage fund.

There were a large number of beautifully decorated boxes to be sold, and they all went almost immediately after being placed on sale. This reporter cannot speak for them all, but he does know that the one he purchased was worth the money and more. There was also furnished nice music and free watermelons. A sideshow in the way of moving pictures also went to enhance the enjoyment of the entertainment and all went away glad that they had come.

Mrs. Mae Van Wermin of Oakland, Cal., is visiting in this city at the home of her sister, Mrs. J. M. Renshaw. After visiting here she will go to Coney Island and the principal points of interest in New York and other eastern states.